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**PROFITABLE MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
THROUGH U. S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK.  
FRAMERS of this line will be despatched as follows:-  
Japan, Oct. 19.  
China, Nov. 19.  
Great Republic, Dec. 18.  
The Company will leave Shanghai on about same date, conveying Yokohama and Amoy passengers through to California, Mexico, Central and South America, the Atlantic States, and to England or France, both via New York and by lines from Panama and Aspinwall.  
Return tickets issued at a reduction of 10% upon the whole amount for the round voyage.  
Connections are made at Panama with Steam Lines upon the West Coast of Central and South America, and with the "Royal West India Mail Line," "West India and Pacific Steamship Company," (London) and the "French Transatlantic Company." And at New York with the various lines of the Atlantic Ocean, for the following Steamship Lines: Inman, National, General Transatlantic Co., New York and Havre Steamship Co., New York and London Steamship Co., and North Atlantic Steamship Co.  
Particulars of rates, passages, and other arrangements have been made for through passages between the above ports, from Calcutta, Amoy, and Singapore, and from Swatow, Hongkong, and Shanghai.  
Through Bills of Lading given for Ports of Mexico and on the West Coast of Central and South America, as far as Valparaiso, Lima, Callao, and San Francisco, and to United States, payable in advance in Mexican Dollars, or on delivery in American Gold Coin with 8 per cent additional for shipping charges.  
For further particulars apply to the Agents of the Company, "Pay & West," 10, ROYAL EXCHANGE, LONDON, E.C.  
HONGKONG, August 18, 1869.  
F. W. MITCHELL, General Post Office, Hongkong.

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13.—Payment of an original, or renewed, or a duplicate Order, will not be made to the Remitter until it has been ascertained that the Order has been cashed at the Office on which the Order was originally drawn.  
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